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TRANSPORT AND/OR DECOMPRESSION OF A DIGITAL SIGNAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On the first page, please amend the paragraph following the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION" as follows:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/573,688, filed

May 19, 2000. This application claims the benefit of European patent application No.

99870108.0 filed May 21, 1999, the contents thereof being incorporated herein by reference.